

Let us all hope that the lamp of liberty will continue to burn in all men until there shall no longer be a doubt that all men are created free and equal. -Mia

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HEW TO THE LINE.

No one is deserving of liberty who is unwilling to grant others all the privileges he claims and exercises for himself. -Socrates.

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## THE COLOR LINE.

A negro by the name of John W. Bowling, and Martha Craven, his white wife, were recently sentenced to eighteen months in prison, by Judge Boyd, of Cumberland, Md. It appears that Bowling and his intended wife migrated from Pennsylvania to Maryland several months ago, where they were married. It is reasonable to suppose that Bowling and Miss Craven were not aware of the fact that it is against the law for whites and blacks to marry in the state, which formerly permitted male negroes who were slaves to embrace white women. They would have fared much better if they had remained in Pennsylvania and become united in the holy bonds of matrimony than by going to Maryland, for there is no statute or clause prohibiting the intermarriage of the two races in the following states and territories, namely: Louisiana, Illinois, Kansas, Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. But it is contrary to law to form such alliances in the states of Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana, Tennessee, Texas, Colorado, and last but not the least our own fair state of Utah.

It will be observed that Louisiana is the only southern state which permits whites and blacks to marry and Indiana is the only central or middle state which prohibits it. In Tennessee and all the other last named states men and women are prosecuted and punished by the courts for intermarrying, but not for unholy alliances.

Section 3291 of the M. V. Code of Tennessee provides that the intermarriage of white persons with negroes, mulattoes or persons of mixed blood, descended from a negro to the third generation inclusive, or their living together as man and wife in this state is hereby forbidden. Furthermore, the persons violating the provisions of the above section shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall undergo imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than one nor more than five years; and the court may, in the event of conviction, on the recommendation of the jury, substitute in lieu of punishment in the penitentiary, fine and imprisonment in the county jail.

The law of that state further provides it need not be charged the act to have been done knowingly, such persons may be indicted for living together as man and wife though married in another state, where such marriages are lawful.

Such diabolical laws as have been placed on the statute books of Utah and the other states in reference to intermarrying tends to foster immorality and the very union which these laws forbid, goes on just the same without its sanction, in unholy and dishonorable alliances. But aside from this phase of the

question, these laws are all unconstitutional for they override and set at naught the Constitution of the United States and the various amendments to it, and Utah nor no other state has the right to do that.

If each of the ten million negroes in this country would contribute five or ten cents of their means we would soon have a sufficient fund to test the constitutionality of all legislation which has been enacted by the various states, for no other purpose but to degrade and further humiliate the negro. If we had five thousand dollars in cold cash we could secure the liberation of John W. Bowling and his wife in less than thirty days.

## THE MYTH OF SANTA CLAUS.

The Deseret Evening News of December 24th contained the views and opinions of President Lorenzo Snow, Right Rev. Lawrence T. Scanlan, Gov. Heber M. Wells, Hon. Chas. W. Penrose, Hon. O. W. Powers, Mrs. E. B. Wells and many other noted personages upon the advisability of teaching the children the real facts in relation to Santa Claus, and it is strange to say that all who were interviewed upon that proposition by the reporter for the News except Geo. Reynolds, Esq., and ourselves, are still in favor of practicing deception upon the children at the very time when they should be honest and frank with them.

Mr. Reynolds contends that "it is entirely wrong to mislead our little ones, or to tell them anything that is not true, for if we do our children will in time discover the falsity of it and then their confidence is shaken and broken. For if they learn to doubt their parents' words in one thing they will in other things and the foundation of skepticism is laid which is very difficult in later years to eradicate."

This is too true, and we are in favor of doing away with myths, pretty legends and Santa Claus, and are most emphatically in favor of teaching our children the plain truth in all things connected with the ups and downs of this transitory life. The great trouble with the mothers of our children today is that they instill into their minds too many false and artificial ideas. They do not make confidants of their boys and girls before they bud into manhood or womanhood. They fail to familiarize them with the laws of nature and the result is that the great majority of the children grow up in ignorance of these laws and that is the principal or main cause why so many young men and women stray from the path of rectitude.

The Jewish women acquaint their children with everything pertaining to their future welfare while they are very young, and the result is that we rarely observe Jewish girls who have gone to the dogs. But the American women are too proud and haughty to do so. They are generally controlled by a false pride and the result is that thousands and thousands of the ones whom they dearly love are engaged in luring men on to ruin and destruction.

Down with Santa Claus and let us teach our children nothing but the plain truth.

We wish our numerous friends a happy and prosperous New Year.

## THE DESERET NEWS.

JANUARY 1, 1899, the Deseret Evening News and everything pertaining to its plant, will be under the direct control of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Numerous changes will be made in its management. The Hon. Chas. W. Penrose, who is one of the most forcible and logical writers in this inter-mountain region, will become its editor, and all reading matter which will appear in its columns after that date will be scrutinized by him.

When Mr. Penrose was editor of the Herald, he was always fair whenever he had occasion to write anything respecting the negro or the negro race, and we feel that Mr. Penrose will pursue the same broadminded and liberal policy while occupying the editorial chair of the Deseret News.

John A. Evans business manager will be superseded by Horace G. Whitney, who is well known as a thorough business man.

For three years and a half we have transacted business with Mr. Evans and during that time we can say with much pleasure we have never had the slightest misunderstanding with him, and whether Mr. Evans remains with the new management or not, we wish to assure him from the bottom of our heart that he will always have the best wishes of the Broad Ax.

It also gives us much pleasure to say that our relations with Mr. J. S. Tingey, foreman of the job department, and the other attaches has been very pleasant. They have always treated us with a great deal of consideration and it affords us much joy and happiness to bespeak a kind word in their behalf and we hope all who have proved themselves efficient will be retained by the new management.

## BANQUET AND RECEPTION.

MONDAY evening, Dec. 26th, the Mount Olive Commandery No. 4, Knight Templars and King David Chapter No. 4, Royal Arch Masons, tendered a grand banquet and reception to their many friends at Jennings' Hall. It was largely attended and was by far the swellest affair of the season. The banquet table was spread with an elegant and lavish repast including oysters direct from Missouri. Hauerbach's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion and many couples danced to its inspiring strains, while others were engaged in eating and feasting and patronizing the punch bowl.

W. P. Hough, Esq., was master of ceremonies and chairman of the committee on entertainment. The remainder of the committee was composed of the following persons: A. J. Spears, Dennis Ford, James Phelps, J. H. Hall, Philip Adams, B. C. Council, John D. France, Geo. Leslie of Mercur, Mrs. W. P. Hough, Mrs. J. H. Trusty, Mrs. A. J. Spears, Mrs. P. Adams and Mrs. A. Brittan.

W. H. Chambers performed the pleasant duties of floor manager. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henderson was awarded the prize of \$5 as the most graceful waltzers by Mr. Chambers and the other members of the committee. Mr. George Leslie of Mercur secured the other prize of \$5 as the best step dancer. All in all it was the finest affair ever held in this city by the members of our race.

## PAMPHLET NO. 2.

JUDGE O. W. POWERS has issued pamphlet No. 2, Which contains extracts from many of his great orations, and his position and views upon the leading questions of the day, and many clippings from newspapers throughout this state and other sections of the country are embodied in it.

The following is from a speech which the Judge delivered at the Democratic State Convention at Ogden, Sept. 5, 1895: "Oh! Democracy! Thou great principle of liberty and equality, had I language I would declare thy glory! when light first glistened upon the new made earth, when with the first heart beat of the soul of man longed for a higher life, then you were born. Every battle field baptized with your memory! Every revolution of the great and ever-turning wheel of progress marks your march towards glory. Every slave set free, every darkened mind made light, every child lifted from the cellar into the sunbeams, is an evidence of your power! Your songs are sung by the wind in the trees, by the restless ocean, upon the shore! Your thoughts are uttered by all God's manifold works! You were created when the world was made, and you will live so long as noble aspirations shall spring from the human hearts. God bless Democracy!"

## CHIPS.

The Wilmington, N. C., Messenger says nearly 1,400 colored people have left that city since the riot there. There is nothing startling in this announcement.

JAMES CROOKS, of the Oxford Resort, Eureka: "Our establishment is frequented by several hundred persons during the day and evening, and the great majority of them will not leave it until after they have perused the Broad Ax. While I do not wish to flatter you, I want to say that your Ax is the greatest little paper in the west."

HON. FISHER S. HARRIS and the other able supporters of the Hon. A. W. McCune's senatorial boom, are feeling very jubilant over the bright prospect and the success which awaits them. They feel reasonably certain that as each day rolls around the stock of their candidate is coming up and that public sentiment is crystallizing in favor of Hon. A. W. McCune for the United States Senate.

THE Broad Ax was remembered on Christmas by some of its warm friends and admirers with very appropriate and useful presents. Those who so kindly remembered us are the following: M. E. Mulvey, Esq., C. R. Savage, Barnes-Hardy Co., Mrs. Charles F. Mitchell, and Mr. G. H. Ganaway. We wish to assure all the above mentioned persons that we shall ever hold them in grateful remembrance for their tokens of friendship.

CONGRESSMAN W. H. KING has returned from Washington, and since his arrival he has been very busily engaged in arranging and systematizing his briefs and other documents pertaining to several important cases which he will argue before the Supreme Court in the near future. The Judge is still confident that he is still in the lead in the senatorial race.

Judge King has worked very hard in the interest of all the people of Utah since he became a member of Congress and the members of the Legislature should not lose sight of this fact when they commence balloting for United States Senator.

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